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Thanhouser Gift Establishes Funds For Preservation of Silent Films

The Library of Congress has received gifts totaling $40,000 from the family of motion picture pioneer Edwin Thanhouser to establish two funds for the preservation of silent motion pictures. The goal of these funds is to preserve pre-1920 silent movies and provide greater access to them for film scholars and the general public.

Speaking on behalf of his mother and two sisters, Edwin W. Thanhouser of Portland, Oreg., grandson of silent movie pioneer Edwin Thanhouser, stated, "My family and I are pleased that the Library of Congress has agreed to accept these gifts and place an emphasis on the preservation and study of films produced by our grandparents and their contemporaries."

THANHOUSER NIGHT
Joyce Auditorium • Iona College • New Rochelle
FREE ADMISSION
Friday, October 7, 1988 — 7:00 P.M.
A special presentation of silent films made in New Rochelle, 1910-1917, by the Thanhouser Company, when it was one of the world's most important movie studios

Poster from a recent Thanhouser retrospective. (Library of Congress collections)

Robert Saudek, chief of the Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division (M/B/RS), accepted the gift from the Thanhouser family on behalf of the Library of Congress.

"Mr. Thanhouser and the film company he founded represent a direct link between the popular theater at the turn of the century and the new motion picture industry," Mr. Saudek said. "Edwin Thanhouser took profits from the sale of his theaters in Chicago

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and his touring theatrical company and invested in the newly burgeoning motion picture industry. He chose New Rochelle, a New York City suburb favored as a residence for theatrical families, as the location of his studio. Researchers interested in the transition from stage to screen will find the Thanhouser films specially interesting. The generous contributions of the Thanhouser family will make it possible for this unique heritage to survive."

The Thanhouser Company, founded in 1909 by Edwin Thanhouser in New Rochelle, N.Y., produced more than 1,000 silent films which were distributed throughout the United States and Europe. Thanhouser motion pictures were acclaimed for their story content, photography, and artistic qualities. Some time after the Thanhouser Company closed its doors in 1917, Edwin Thanhouser was presented with a rather sizable bill for the continued storage of the highly volatile nitrate negatives which represented the remaining assets of the company. "Bah! They are worthless—burn
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Bruce Tapper, Editor

Library of Congress Issues Annual Report

The Annual Report of the Librarian of Congress covering the fiscal year ending September 30, 1988, is now available. The report includes information on the activities of the Library of Congress for the last fiscal year as well as statistics on the range of services that the Library provides to the Congress, to the public, and to other libraries and institutions. The report is in a new format from previous annual reports. It is more compact, lists and tables formerly organized as appendixes are integrated into the text, and the report is organized in thematic sections rather than in chapters dealing with departments.

During the reporting period Librarian of Congress James H. Billington completed his first full year in office. Among his first official acts as Librarian, Dr. Billington initiated a comprehensive management and planning review in December 1987. The review process neared its conclusion as fiscal year 1988 drew to a close.

A total of $247,951,000 was appropriated for the operation of the Library of Congress in fiscal 1988, which represented a 3.6 percent increase over fiscal 1987.

Through a variety of bequests and purchases, the Library received several handsome and important additions to the collections. Notable among the acquisitions were the private archives of primary source materials in music of Hans Moldenhauer; approximately 1.5 million pieces documenting the work of Charles and Ray Eames; the Fahnestock South Sea Collection documenting an expedition to the South Pacific in the early 1940s; and additional personal papers of Clare Boothe Luce along with a bequest of $250,000 for preparing and providing reference service on the collection.

A major effort of the Copyright Office was the adherence of the United States to the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works, the oldest and most extensive multilateral copyright treaty. The treaty was ratified by the U.S. Senate on October 20, 1988. In fiscal year 1988, the Copyright Office also prepared the second five-year report on library photocopying.

Other highlights of 1988 were a symposium, "Knowledge and Power," hosted by the Council of Scholars that explored how knowledge has
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International Literacy Day Is Celebrated at Library

The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, in cooperation with the International Reading Association (IRA), hosted the United States celebration of the Unesco International Literacy Day at the Library on September 8. Speakers included Judith Thelan, IRA vice-president elect, who announced the winners of this year's Unesco literacy awards; Nat Colletta of the World Conference for Education for All; and Richard Nobbe, who represented Americans for the Universality of Unesco. John Cole, director of the Center for the Book, made introductory remarks.

The 1989 Literacy Awards, presented at Unesco headquarters in Paris on September 8, went to: the Adult Education Department of the University of Ibadan in Nigeria (the IRA Prize); the Jamaican Movement for the Advancement of Literacy (Nadezhda K. Krupskaya Prize); the Directorate of Community Education in Indonesia (Noma Prize); and the Mauritanian Secretariat of State for Literacy and Origin-Oriented Education (Iraq Prize).

International Literacy Day has been celebrated by Unesco since 1967. This is the third time that the celebration in the United States has been held at the Library of Congress.

Gala Reception Opens "To Make All Laws" Exhibit

The opening of the major exhibition,
"To Make All Laws: The Congress of the United States, 1789–1989,"
on September 28 was marked by
a breakfast lecture by Merrill D. Peterson
of the University of Virginia on the topic,
"The Golden Age of the Senate: Webster, Clay, and Calhoun,"
and by a gala evening celebration.
Rep. Frank Annunzio, chairman of the Joint Committee on the Library,
officially opened the exhibition.

Rep. Frank Annunzio (at podium) opens the exhibition. Behind him are Sen. Don Nickles (left), Sen. Mark Hatfield, Rep. Vic Fazio, Sen. Alan Simpson, Dr. Billington, and Rep. Lindy Boggs.

Joanne Freeman (left) and Richard Bernstein, consultant curators, talk with Rep. Vic Fazio, chairman of the Subcommittee on Legislative Branch Appropriations, House Appropriations Committee, and Dr. John Sellers, exhibition curator, Manuscript Division. Curator Ingrid Marr is not pictured.

View from second level of the exhibition, looking down at former Congressman Richard Bolling (in center).

Selma Thomas, producer of the exhibition videodisc, with Dr. James Hutson exhibition curator, Manuscript Division, and Rep. Norman Mineta, watching Congressman Mineta on the videodisc monitor.

Merrill D. Peterson speaks. At head table are: Sen. Charles Robb (left), Dr. James H. Billington, Dr. James Hutson, Sen. Slade Gorton, Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, and Jim Carlson, Jones International, Ltd.

Author Graeme Base Featured in Program for Year of the Young Reader

Graeme Base (photo ©Moshe Dinor)

Popular children's book author and illustrator Graeme Base will present a program for young people jointly sponsored by the Library of Congress at the Martin Luther King Memorial Library in Washington, D.C., from 10:30 a.m. to noon, on November 7.

The Library of Congress and the Martin Luther King Library in cooperation with publisher Harry N. Abrams, Inc., are sponsoring Mr. Base's appearance as an event to celebrate the Year of the Young Reader. Following the morning program, Mr. Base will sign his books in the Library's Madison Gift Shop from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

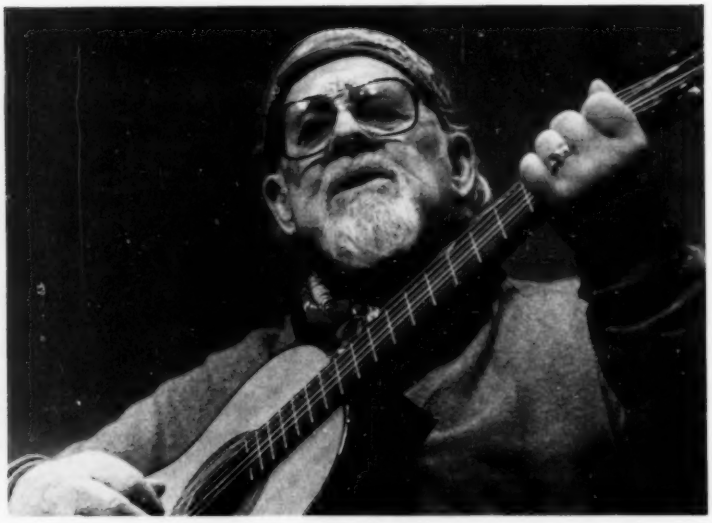
The English-born Mr. Base first gained international recognition with his book *Animalia,* an alliterative alphabet book published in the United States in 1987. The American Library Association used an illustration from *Animalia*—"Lazy Lions Lounging at the Local Library"—on one of its posters.

Mr. Base was a keynote speaker at the 1989 annual meeting of the International Reading Association, and has been commissioned by Unesco to provide a poster for the 1990 International Literacy Year. His new book, *The Eleventh Hour: A Curious Mystery,* is a children's mystery in which the reader is invited to be the detective. The story is told in rhyming verse and illustrated with the vibrant, intricate illustrations for which Graeme Base is known.

Three of Mr. Base's books will be available in the Madison Gift Shop during the book-signing: *Animalia* ($14.95), *The Eleventh Hour* ($14.95), and *Jabberwocky* ($12.95). (Library staff members receive a 10 percent discount.)

For further information about Mr. Base's appearance at the Martin Luther King Library, 901 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., call (202) 727-1151. The event is free and open to the public.

Burl Ives Performs at the Library



Burl Ives, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday, gave a memorable concert to support the Year of the Young Reader with an overflow audience in the Coolidge Auditorium on September 21. Burl Ives first visited the Library of Congress in 1938 to record for the Archive of Folk Song. To commemorate his long and happy association with the Library of Congress, Mr. Ives presented his guitar to the Library at the end of the concert.

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'em!" was his reply. Thanhouser died in 1956 still believing his efforts in the motion picture business as an independent film producer would be of little value or interest to future generations.

Thanhouser films have been found in private collections in the United States, and in film archives in Great Britain and the Netherlands. Copies of these films will be purchased by the Library for its growing collection of films made before 1920. The acquisition and preservation of films from the early years of the motion picture have encouraged researchers in the United

States and abroad to begin new studies of these films, the growing film industry, and the people who made and saw films. This rediscovery of a neglected era in cinema history has been made possible by a national and international effort to locate and preserve a movie heritage that was nearly lost.

Researchers, lovers of cinema, and interested friends of film preservation are encouraged to contribute to this endowment program, which will be used to locate surviving original films, make new copies on safety film, catalog them, and make them available to scholars through screening programs and the research facilities of the Library of Congress. Persons interested in contributing to this fund should send contributions to M/B/RS, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540. Checks should be made payable to the Motion Picture Preservation Endowment, The Library of Congress.

Annual Report *(Cont. from p. 382)* influenced and should influence practical affairs, especially in the American democracy, and a conference and exhibition commemorating the millennium of the baptism of Vladimir, ruler of Rus', that focused on aspects of Russian, Ukrainian, and Byelorussian culture. In June the Library began selling its first CD-ROM, called *CDMARC Subjects*, a microcomputer-based version of the Library's complete subject authority file, and a pilot project called American Memory was launched to explore ways of delivering some of the Library's unparalleled resources to a wider audience using new technologies, optical disks in particular.

The 1988 *Annual Report of the Librarian of Congress* is available for $3.50 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402 (cite stock no. 030-000-00216-4 when ordering).

Year of the Young Reader Contest Winners Visit the Library of Congress

The winners of the Mott's Apple Awards were congratulated by Librarian of Congress James H. Billington and Rep. Bill Paxon of New York (right).

Contests encouraging students to write essays or draw pictures about their love of reading are a popular Year of the Young Reader activity. Often the first prize is a trip for the winner and winner's parents or teacher to Washington, D.C., and to the Library of Congress. Between April and September the winners of four different contests visited the Library: *READ* magazine's essay contest winner, Fawn Houseman of Portales, N.Mex.; Katie Jones of Dowagiac, Mich., and Jennifer Lee of Lakewood, Calif., who won Scholastic Inc.'s Year of the Young Reader poster contest; Mott's Apple Award winners Robert Balderston of Washington, D.C., Christie Wilson of East Northport, N.Y., Maya Moseberry of Chicago, Ill., Matthew Taylor of Cameron Park, Calif., Amanda Lohiser-Broseman, of Orchard Park, N.Y., and Michael Roeters of Grant, Mich.; as well as Rebekah Ray of Phoenix, Ariz., and Allison Lewis of Highland Park, N.J., winners of a favorite book essay contest sponsored by *Cricket: The Magazine for Children*.

The Library of Congress observes
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"To Make All Laws: The Congress of the United States, 1789–1989" is a comprehensive exhibition on the history of the Congress during the past 200 years.

Madison Gallery, to February 18, 1990.

STAFF NEWS

Health Benefits Fair Precedes Open Season

Library of Congress staff members who are enrolled in insurance plans under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program will have the opportunity to change their enrollment during open season, November 13 to December 8. To help staff members make selections the Library has again scheduled a Health Benefits Fair, to be held on Wednesday, November 8, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., in the Mumford Room.

Representatives from various insurance carriers will be available to provide information and answer questions about their respective insurance plans. Staff members may be granted a maximum of one hour of excused absence with supervisory approval to attend. An interpreter for the hearing impaired will be provided upon request.

Staff members who decide to enroll for the first time or change to another plan must submit a completed Health Benefits Registration Form (Standard Form 2809) to the Human Resources Operations Office, LM 645, no later than Friday, December 8.

Information Forums In November

The Library of Congress Professional Association welcomes the participation of all interested persons in the following Information Forums in November. These informal brownbag lunches meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:10 to 12:40 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

November 2—Publications Forum: "The Design Process," Donald Shomette, visual information specialist, Printing and Processing Section, Central Services Division. Room LM 642, 11:30 a.m.

November 7—Performing Arts Forum: "Beat, the Performance Poetry of Chasen Gaver" (videotape), Jamie Walters, videomaker and producer of VSE productions. Room LM 642.

November 14—Soviet Studies Forum: "Wine-Making in Soviet Georgia" (with slides), Robert W. Hutton, Subject Cataloging Division. Room LM 532, 11:30 a.m.

November 16—Ethnic Resources Forum: "Blacks in Aviation," Theodore W. Robinson, former Tuskegee Airman. Room LM 532.

November 30—Management Forum: "Excellence in the Public Sector" (video presentation). Room LM 654E.

In-House Computer Fair Set for November 28

The Information Technology Center in the Library of Congress will host a Personal Computer (PC) Showcase on Tuesday, November 28, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Mumford Room. The exhibition will allow Library staff members to see the latest PC products from selected hardware and software producers.

A preliminary list of invited companies includes Borland International, Egghead, Cannon USA, and Computer Associates.

Refreshments will be served, courtesy of National Trade Productions, Inc., exhibits coordinator.

Staff members who wish to attend this showcase during work hours must obtain permission from their supervisors.

1988 Annual Report Is Distributed

The *Annual Report of the Librarian of Congress* for fiscal year 1988 has been published in a format that is different from past reports. Because of this, it is being distributed more widely throughout the Library than has been customary. This annual report was distributed to 1,300 supervisory staff members.

Offices needing additional copies should call the Printing and Processing Section, Central Services Division, ext. 79691.

49 CRS Staffers Receive Incentive Awards

Incentive awards were presented to 49 members of the Congressional Research Service (CRS) at a ceremony held in the Mumford Room on August 17.

Joseph E. Ross, director of CRS, and William E. Robinson, deputy director, along with CRS division chiefs, presented the awards to honor staff members for unique contributions. A reception was held immediately following the presentations.

The award recipients, listed by division, were—**Office of the Director:** Annetta M. Tate and Sharon Green; **Office of Research Coordination:** Grover E. McDonald, Philip R. Shipp, Jean Boone, Alma J. Jones, Mary C. Maddox, Tracey Stackhouse, Andrea F. Svejda, and Jana Svejda; **American Law Division:** Richard A. Davis, Melinda Hanson, Carolyn Agee, Denise Agee, Pauline Burton, Beverly Campbell, Juanita Campbell, Ralph Eads, Stephanie Everett, Amanda Fenner, Melinda Henderson, Audrey Miller, Paula Moore, Peggy Murphy, JoAnne O'Bryant, and Frank Spigel; **Congressional Reference Division:** Patricia A. Layne-Brown; **Economics Division:** Wayne M. Morrison; **Education and Public Welfare Division:** Gene Falk, Celinda Franco,

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Charlotte J. Fraas, Beth C. Fuchs, Elizabeth D. King, Janet P. Lundy, Mark L. Merlis, Michael J. O'Grady, Ilene Shapiro, James R. Storey, Keith O. Hurt, Mark L. Merlis, Jennifer O'Sullivan, Richard J. Price, Richard V. Rimkunas, and Mary F. Smith; **Environment and Natural Resources Policy Division:** Sandra L. Johnson; and **Science Policy Research Division:** Glenn McLoughlin and Fred Sissine.

Interdepartmental awards were given by the Human Resources Office to Charles R. Freyder and Sandra Moreland.

Harvey R. Sherman Dies

Harvey R. Sherman, a former staff member of the Environment and Natural Resources Policy Division of the Congressional Research Service (CRS), died on September 3 at his home in Falls Church, Va.

Mr. Sherman began his government career in 1955 as an economist with the former Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress. In 1965 he left the Library to serve as a staff member of the Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations of the Senate Committee on Government Operations. He returned to the Library in 1967 as a research associate in agriculture and conservation in the Senior Specialist Division in CRS. In 1969, he transferred to the Environment and Natural Resources Policy Division as a specialist in conservation and natural resources. When he retired in 1983, he was a specialist in environmental policy and assistant chief of the division.

A native of Glouchester, R.I., Mr. Sherman served with the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II, earning a Bronze Star. In 1950, he graduated from the University of Colorado and later did graduate work at George Washington University. He was a member of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Annandale, Va., and was very active in community and civic affairs. His survivors include his wife, four children, and three grandchildren.

LCPA Volunteers Help WETA-TV Fundraising

Volunteers organized by the Library of Congress Professional Association (LCPA) helped raise more than $16,000 for local public television station WETA-TV/26 on the evening of August 25. Thirty Library staff members answered phones over a five-hour period during the station's end-of-summer fundraising drive.

The evening featured the popular program "Washington Week," which was aired live from the television studio. In addition to the WETA staff members, special guest Kitty Carlisle Hart was also in the studio making a special plea for funds.

Library staff members who participated were: Arun Acharya, Pat Alexiou, Bill Barry, Bettye Blakeney, Tim Carlton, Jennifer Cutting, Phil DeSellem, Charls Jenkins, Tom Kearns, Shirley Loo, Thomas Mann, Basil Manns, Kathy May, Brad McCoy, Bob Morgan, Richard J. Ricard, Wendy Riedel, Sarah Rouse, Jim Sager, Teresa Saunders, Ann Sullivan, Vejune Svotelis, Peter Vankevich, and Charlotte Wu.

Staff Activities

Maryle Ashley, head, Bibliographic Systems Section, Systems Analysis Office, Information Technology Services (ITS), and **Dean Wilder,** a senior systems analyst in the same office, gave a presentation on the Library of Congress' use of touchscreens and graphic user interfaces at a meeting of the EASEL Users Group in Boston, Mass., September 17-20. They gave a demonstration of the INFO system, which was built using the EASEL software tools and is currently installed in the Madison Building lobby.

They also presented a simulation of the ACCESS system, which is now being developed to provide a user-friendly interface to MUMS and SCORPIO.

John Y. Cole, director of the Center for the Book, is the author of an article, "Studying the Library of Congress: Resources and Research Opportunities," published in the summer 1989 issue of *Libraries and Culture: A Journal of Library History.*

Georgette M. Dorn, specialist in Hispanic culture, Hispanic Division, was chosen to chair the Bryce Wood Book Award Committee of the Latin American Studies Association for 1991.

Dr. Dorn has also recently given several lectures abroad. She gave a presentation on July 27 titled, "The Hispanic Division at Fifty Years," at the Centro Lincoln of the United States Information Service in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She gave a lecture on Argentine historiography at the Biblioteca Mayor of the University of Córdoba in Argentina on July 31. On August 5 in Santiago, Chile, she lectured at the Universidad de Chile and participated with Fernando Alegría and Magda Arce in a panel discussion about Gabriela Mistral at the Instituto de Arte y Comunicación.

Staff Carpool Locator

Rider/driver seeks to join carpool from North Arlington, Va. (near exit 22 on Route I-66). On flexitime; prefer early schedule. Call Jane, ext. 76424.

Meetings and Events Around the Library

Monday, November 13

☐ "Contract Administration," Sal Costabile, president, Costabile Associates, Inc. FLICC brown bag lunch series. Dining Room A, 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, November 14

☐ "Wine Making in Soviet Georgia," Robert W. Hutton, cataloger, Subject Cataloging Division, LC Professional Association (LCPA). Room 532, 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 15

☐ "Mid-term Bargaining: Appropriate Arrangements vs. Excessive Interference," assistant director of personnel, Labor Management Relations, Department of Justice. Labor Relations Seminar Series. Dining Room A, 10:30 a.m. **For managers and supervisors.**

☐ "Substance Abuse, New Directions in Treatment," Rodney Burbach, M.D., Library of Congress consulting psychiatrist and medical director of the Addiction Treatment Center, Suburban Hospital. Dining Room A, 11:30 a.m. **For managers and supervisors.**

☐ "Lives for Writing: Women in Latin American Literature," Sara Castro-Klarén, Johns Hopkins University, LC Hispanic Cultural Society. West Dining Room, 12 noon.

☐ PEN Fiction Awards and readings. Kent Nelson, Linda Barrett Osborne, and David Shields read from their works. Mumford Room, 6 p.m. Free; no tickets required.

Thursday, November 16

☐ "Blacks in Aviation," Theodore W. Robinson, former Tuskegee Airman. LCPA. Room 532, 12:10 p.m.

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